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## FINANCIAL SERVICES REPUBLICAN MORNING CLIPS 11.9.2009

Wall Street Journal: With Feds, BofA's Lewis Met His Match.. Kenneth D. Lewis never imagined his eight-year run as chief executive of Bank of America Corp. would end this way. He had faced a year of headaches big and small.

Wall Street Journal: "Treasury Blocks the Sale of Tax Credits by Fannie... The U.S. Treasury blocked Fannie Mae's proposed sale of nearly \$3 billion in low-income housing tax credits to Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Berkshire Hathaway Inc. on Friday after concluding that the deal was too costly for taxpayers.

Wall Street Journal: "Congress's Blank Check for Housing ... Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are burning a huge hole in the Treasury's pocket. But the Obama administration is getting something very valuable in return: the ability to provide immense support to the housing market with only limited interference from Congress.

Wall Street Journal: "More Profit For AIG, But Challenge Too ... American International Group Inc. posted its second profitable quarter in a row, but weak results at its main insurance businesses underscored the scale of the challenges the giant insurer still faces.

Washington Post: "British break up several bailed-out banks ... The British government announced Tuesday that it will break up parts of major financial institutions bailed out by taxpayers, highlighting a growing divide across the Atlantic over how to deal with the massive banks that were partially nationalized during the height of the financial crisis."

LA Times: "United Commercial Bank is shut down, sold to East West Bancorp ... Toppled by loan losses and misstated financial reports, San Francisco's United Commercial Bank was shut down by regulators Friday night and immediately sold to Pasadena's East West Bancorp, creating by far the largest U.S. bank focused on the Chinese American market."

Washington Post: "The small print looms larger ... Clear out the holiday catalogues, the Christmas cards and the coupons, and your mailbox may look less than festive. Now that the credit card industry is required to warn you about any changes they're planning, you should be scrutinizing what you think is only junk mail."

Wall Street Journal: "U.S., U.K. Split Over Bank-Tax Proposal at G-20 ... U.K. Prime Minister Gordon Brown and U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner clashed over potential taxes on bank transactions at a weekend meeting here of finance policy makers from the Group of 20 leading economies."

NY Times: "Windfall Seen as Bank Bonuses Are Paid in Stock ... Even as Washington tries to rein in Wall Street pay, bankers are likely to make unusually large gains on the stock grants and options they received after shares in their companies fell sharply during the financial meltdown."

Washington Post: "Putting 'good faith' back in closing ... Remember the bad old days of 11th-hour mortgage settlement cost shocks and mystery junk fees? Remember when the "good-faith estimates" your lender gave you upfront said closing costs would be about \$2,000, but somehow they ballooned to \$3,500 on the final settlement sheet?"

Wall Street Journal: "CFTC Head Shifts View on Swaps ... The head of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission will support giving federal regulators, and not clearinghouses, the power to decide which swaps should be cleared, House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank (D., Mass.) said Friday."

Washington Post: "Fed losing support on bank oversight ... Key Democratic lawmakers are threatening to dismantle the Obama administration's plans to place the Federal Reserve at the heart of efforts to overhaul the financial regulatory system."